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Commonly used grass varieties are not native in lake country.

Non native plants:

- Are not well suited to life in the Highlands and therefore need more inputs than native plants.
- Water – something the experts say we may soon be short of.
- Fertilizer – polluting our water, and costing us money.
- Cutting and trimming – adding to global warming.
- These extra inputs add nutrients to our lakes increasing algae and weed growth thereby decreasing the oxygen that fish need. We are told that no point in the Highlands is more than 500 metres from water. How far from the lake is your septic system?
- Do not provide any habitat for the species that we all love such as frogs, toads, butterflies, humming birds, etc.

Perhaps the biggest downside with grass is that grass does not contribute to and in fact harms the health of our precious lakes. Why is that? Well there are all those reasons above but the biggest one is that grass does not do a good job of intercepting and absorbing nutrients before they get to our lakes. Nutrients such as phosphorus come from:

- Our bodies, through our septic systems, where they leach into the soil and head down to water – our aquifers, streams, rivers and lakes.
- Our pets, fertilizer use, wildlife such as geese, birds, etc.

While grass roots extend mere inches into the soil, the roots of native species extend many feet into the soil, searching for and absorbing nutrients such as phosphorous before they can damage our lakes. These long roots also do a better job of preventing erosion.

So why not take an area of your grass and plant it with native plants to help protect our lakes? You can start with a small area and then add more area over the years. Every little bit will help your lake where you, your kids and grandchildren can make new memories!

Author, Paul MacInnes, is chair of the CHA and a Member of the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship council.

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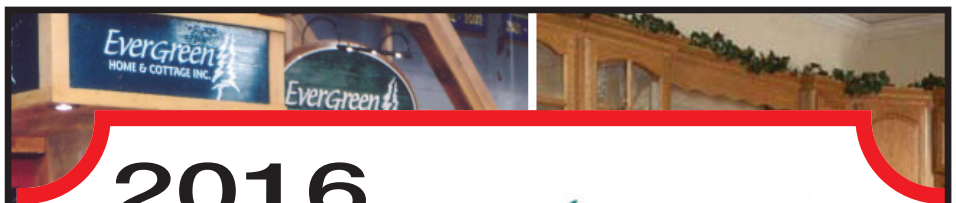

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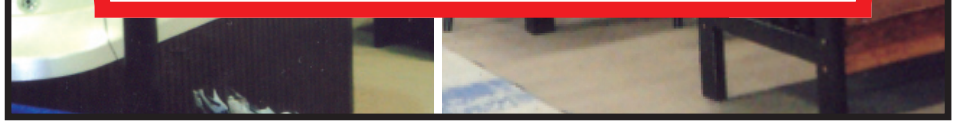

Wildlife in your backyard

A sharp-shinned hawk on the lookout for lunch. Submitted by Belinda Gallagher

This photo of a weasel comes from Gren Schrader. It was taken near Lochlin. He said this weasel was visiting his daughter's tool shed.

Welcome back, cottagers

Living Large

Humour by Steve Galea

This is the time of year when cottagers return. That's a good thing. They contribute to our local culture and economy. They give us a taste of the urban mindset. But I can't help but think they don't quite understand the local mindset.

So here are 10 things cottagers should know about us local folk.

1. We're pretty sure we've already surpassed the Kardashians.
2. Call it what you like, we still call it rap music.
3. We think Smart Car is an ironic name.
4. We'd vote for any party that made deer season a national holiday.
5. When you refer to the big city, we're thinking of Lindsay.
6. When we see a kid with a ball cap on sideways, we naturally assume he walked into a telephone pole.
7. We don't actually think of road kill as a food group – unless there's more than one of them.
8. We think a YouTuber is a potato shaped like the letter U.
9. As a matter of fact, some of us were raised in barns.
10. When we say, "after you," it's partly polite and partly because we're hoping you'll draw away the black flies.

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Orchestra gets by with help from friends

By Angelica Ingram

It will be an evening celebrating friendships at the upcoming Highlands Chamber Orchestra performance on Saturday, May 28, at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

The orchestra, which is in its fifth year, performs two shows a year, said member Bethany Houghton.

Now about 40 members strong, the orchestra will feature a number of soloists at the upcoming show, including Deanna Hawley playing a clarinet concerto, Tom Regina performing Chaminade's flute concertino and Luba Cargill playing a violin piece.

To highlight the solo acts, this concert is called Among Friends and will be conducted by Dan Manley.

Houghton, a violinist, is looking forward to the show, in particular a number from a famous Disney film.

"This concert we're going to be playing one of my favourite pieces, I'm so excited about being able to play it," she said. "It's *Night on Bald Mountain* and if anyone's ever seen *Fantasia*, the movie, it's the one where the mountain opens up and there's all these ghouls and ghosts bouncing around."

The show will be performed at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are $15 per person, or $20 for an adult and child under 16.

They can be purchased at Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton, Pharmasave in Minden or from any orchestra member.

Plein Air popping up all over

Rails End Gallery is hosting a pop up plein air exhibit this June. Entry requirements are simple. The work must have been painted between May 19 and June 19. Size nine-by-twelve inches or smaller. Entries will be received at the gallery during that period and it is anticipated the show will grow daily as new entries arrive. No frames are needed and all surfaces are allowed (paper/canvas/wood etc) In the case of oil paintings the work may even be still "wet". Need a canvas to paint on? Visit Rails End and pick one up for FREE while supplies last. A limit of two entries per person applies. The show will run until June 26.

Entry fee: $2 per painting (waived for Rails End Gallery members).

Entry categories: Youth Artist - under 16 years; Adult Artist 17 - 65 years; Elder Artist - over 65 years.

Need some pointers? How about signing up for a June workshops at Rails End Gallery? Choose from: Oil Painting En Plein Air for Beginners; Watercolour Sketchbook; Pastel and Acrylic on Paper.

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Magnificent life detailed in new book

By Jim Eadie

Lea Kitler is incredibly thankful for "the magnificent life" she has on her hilltop organic farm near Highland Grove, which is not surprisingly called Magnificent Hill. She is also a local real estate agent for Royal Lepage Frank Real Estate in Bancroft. Life is good, but it certainly hasn't always been that way for her.

"Over the years I have met many people who have shared their amazing stories with me," she said. "Now after 40 years, I am sharing my story. I am blessed to be the caregiver of this magnificent hill. People often tell me how lucky I am."

Her recently published book entitled *A Magnificent Life – my journey to the Hill* is a riveting account of darkness, abuse and tragedy as a child, including the murder of her mother by her father in the family home. The story involves many current social problems, including hunger, homelessness, abuse, poverty and murder.

"I didn't have anyone to talk to when I was growing up … I grew up not having a voice," she said. "I had so many questions about myself, and my life."

Someone suggested 40 years ago that if she found it difficult to speak aloud, then she should write her questions and her answers down instead, and that process has remarkably formed the basis for her new book. The book is full of the experiences and questions of a young woman; some of the questions have answers, and as Kitler concedes, some of the questions have no answers.

Her amazing journey to "the hill" has fashioned her core belief: "you must create your own reality, I put my hope, passion and creativity into an image of a better life. I can't keep asking why; the question should be: now what?"

"It is up to me what I do with these experiences, and how I make things better," she continued. "I wanted to talk about my life in such a way that other people could look at it, and talk about their lives and fears. Everyone else gave up on me, but I refused to give up on myself. Life is not a sporting event! My childhood was horrible, but I had choices I could make. I had to go through all that stuff just to sit at the top of this hill. This is my story, but my hope is that it opens up to others who might be able to relate to my magnificent life."

Kitler sees herself as the caregiver of a remarkable hilltop near Highland Grove, where she is surrounded by her gardens, small stock, and nature itself. Her current life on the hill is the unwritten next chapter, or possibly will make its way into a future new book? Only time will tell.

Her current book was never intended to become a book either, until recently. "I write, and continue to write," she said. "It is my own personal therapy to process my questions and experiences.

New local author Lea Kitler shares her recently published book *A Magnificent Life – my journey to the Hill* with the goats at her organic farm near Highland Grove. JIM EADIE Special to County Life.

I refuse to blame anything on my past, instead, I accept the reality in which it has placed me."

Her book *A Magnificent Life – my journey to the hill* is available by contacting Kitler at 705-448-9453 or lea@magnificenthill.ca.

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Gardening in the wild: why shop local?

Belinda Gallagher
Garden Musings

I have to admit that I am a big fan of shopping local and it is purely a selfish reason. I love having the convenience of a sub-30 minute drive and the only way to guarantee that benefit is to support my local merchants. That being said, when shopping for plants, there are many more motivations to keep my dollars in Haliburton County.

One reason is the local garden advice that accompanies a purchase. Whether you shop at a permanent garden centre or a seasonal set-up, the people in charge of plant selection know what grows here, what is native here and just as importantly, what does not grow here.

When I first moved to the area, I knew the hardiness zone from an Agriculture Canada map (Zone 4), but what I learned from the folks at Country Rose Garden Centre was what kind of cold it was. Very, very cold, but nice dry cold with lots of snow cover which is excellent for perennials and shrubs. I learned that the soil was on the sand and gravel side, therefore providing good drainage in the winter. It can dry out in the heat of summer, but once you know that, you can select appropriate plants.

A case in point was the garden centre manager, Kim, recommending the purchase of two hydrangea shrubs, one called Fire and Ice and the other called Limelight. Both produce lovely cone-shaped flowers in late summer and I was surprised they did so well here in the quick-draining soil. Sure enough, hydrangeas not only love water, they love Haliburton County. Laughingly, after planting the two shrubs, I noticed hydrangeas everywhere.

Five years on, all of the recommended shrubs and ground cover perennials purchased that first year have settled in nicely and are minding my rule of low maintenance. The only water they get comes from Mother Nature and the only fertilizer, the leaf droppings of fall. Thanks, Kim, for the advice that helped me select the right plants for the right place.

Some folks say that choice is limited if you shop for plants locally but that has not been my experience. Each year I add one or two of the latest shrubs to the garden – Lemon Candy ninebark, Tiger Eye sumac, Pink Parasols spirea – all purchased within 30 minutes of my garden.

Hydrangeas do very well in Haliburton County.

This is true for perennials and annuals, too.

I know that I will be making a stop to pick up the hot new annual trailing Lophospermum along with a couple old-fashioned gas plants (Dictamnus) that are making a comeback in gardens.

One of the hottest petunias last year was Tidal Wave Red Velour, winner of the All America Select Award. I had to have it for my containers and there it was on the table at Agnew's General Store. It did exceedingly well with my banana plant and a lime green sweet potato vine from the same source. I look forward to seeing what is new there this year.

Regarding summer annuals and vegetables, the best lesson learned was about timing. Having come from a slightly warmer part of Ontario, I was ready to plant pansies in March. Imagine my surprise when neither Agnew's nor Foodland in Wilberforce had pansies that early. As gardeners we try to push the limits, but our local merchants know when it is safe to put your annuals out and plant your veggies. I trust that if tomato plants are still snuggled in a heated greenhouse, we will have a few more nights of frost.

Our local grocery stores are also good sources. I was in the Wilberforce Foodland recently, and owner Nellie asked my opinion on a shrub on her order list. Having successfully grown ninebarks for years, I could advise it is as good choice. Once again, it demonstrates that our local merchants are on the lookout for the best selections for Haliburton County. (I should note that Nellie has wonderful taste in plants so year-round there is something exciting for the plant-aholic in me!)

By far the most important reason to shop local is to reduce the risk of introducing invasive plants or pests to our natural areas. Weed seed travels. Insects travel. Fungus and moulds travel.

A great groundcover is phlox.

The Red Valour Petunia was the winner of the All America Select Award.

Potting soil can be a culprit in the movement of nasties and while most annuals, vegetables and herbs are grown in a sterile mix, the same cannot be said of perennials, shrubs and trees. The later plants spend more time in pots and are susceptible to hitchhikers. This can also be a real problem if you are moving plants from your home to the cottage. If you are a seasonal resident, be very careful when moving soils to Haliburton County particularly if your home is in an area with garlic mustard, dog-strangling vine or Japanese knotweed. Best advice – purchase something local.

One final note on shopping locally – don't forget farmers' markets and the single event sales. Both the Minden and District Horticultural Society and the Haliburton County Master Gardeners have upcoming plant sales, the first on May 28 and the second on June 4 respectively. (Both sales are in the Village Green in downtown Minden and start at 10 a.m.) Go early and line up to get the best selection of plants suited to our local environment. You will be supporting two excellent local organizations.

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Poet Jeff Pinkney reads during The Red Canoe event. Pinkney is the author of the novel *Soapstone Signs* and a collection of poetry called *The Valentine's Day Books*. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Tiny invasive organism a big threat to our lakes

Even though there are signs at public boat launches warning of invasive species including the spiny water flea, it is hard to appreciate the damage this tiny organism can do until you comprehend its impact on the ecosystems of our lakes. Anyone who appreciates the sparkling clear lakes of the Haliburton Highlands needs to know about this intruder and how to limit its spread.

Because of their voracious appetites, their lack of predators and their ability to survive extreme conditions, a few of these tiny non-native organisms can overturn the native plankton population, the backbone of the aquatic food chain. The good news is they can't survive five to six hours of thorough drying in sunlight.

Dr. Norman Yan, a highly regarded biologist who spoke at the AGM of Environment Haliburton this spring, has studied spiny water fleas extensively. He states that they "are the greatest threat to the biodiversity and structure of native zooplankton communities in lakes on the Canadian Shield since acid rain."

Bythotrephes longimanus or spiny water flea is native to freshwaters of northern Europe and Asia and was accidentally introduced into the Great Lakes through ballast waters of ocean-going ships in the early 1980s. It has spread to other lakes in North America including 150 inland lakes in Ontario, at least two being in the Haliburton Highlands. This accidental spread is attributed to boaters and fishermen. The Spiny Water Flea gets caught up in fishing lines, downriggers, nets and other equipment such as anchors and ropes and appear as gelatinous globs on equipment. They can also be unintentionally transported in bilge water, bait buckets or live wells.

"They have a huge impact on the diversity and size structure of the animal plankton and can drive several species to apparent extinction in our lakes," Yan says. Not only does this mean that small fish have less native plankon to eat but they also can't eat the spiny water flea because of the barbs on the long spiny tail. Large fish that do eat it have difficulty passing the organism and can have their stomach linings and intestines punctured by the spines. Unless you are a fisherman, you may not be aware of the spiny water flea as it tends to spend daylight hours in the deeper, cooler areas of the lake and rises to the surface at night.

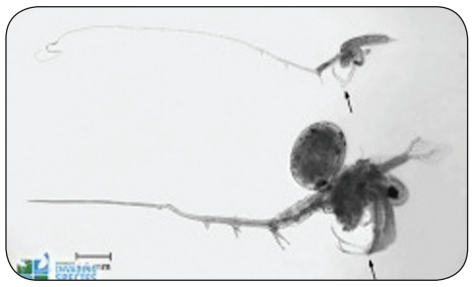
The spiny water flea can survive chlorination, salination, heat and freezing. However, Yan says that the spiny water flea dies within approximately five to six hours of desiccation in sunlight and therefore this is the most important means of controlling it. The world's leading authority on the spiny water flea is Dr. D. K. Branstrator, who states that if people limit their usage of lakes to one lake a day and that they dry their equipment thoroughly during intervening periods, this should help limit range expansion of the organism.

In addition to drying equipment thoroughly, the Ontario government website www.invadingspecies.com suggests that fishermen and boaters learn how to identify the spiny water flea and how to avoid spreading them. Some tips:

-Inspect your boat, trailer and equipment after each use

-Remove all plants, animals and mud before moving to a new water body

-Drain water from your motor, live well, bilge and transom wells while on land.



This is a microphoto of two invasive waterfleas: Spiny Water flea or Bythotrephes longimanus (the larger of the two and the most concerning) and Fishhook Waterflea or Cercopagis pengoi.
Photo courtesy of J. Liebig, NOAA, GLERL, from www.invadingspecies.com

-To be sure that you don't introduce any invasive species from lake to lake, rinse all recreational equipment with high pressure (>250 psi) or hot (50 C/122F) or let dry in sun for at least five days.

-If you see an invasive water flea or other invasive species in the wild, contact the toll free Invading Species hotline at 1-800-563-7711 or visit www.invadingspecies.com to report a sighting.

Thank you to Dr. Norman Yan for his help with this article.

Submitted by Susan Hay, a member of Environment Haliburton, Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists and Miskwabi Area Cottager's Association.

Kennisis Lake's Art on the Dock is back

The Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association (KLCOA) is delighted to announce that Art on the Dock will be back for a second great year on July 9 and 10.

The exhibition hours for this unique community event will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Many of last year's exhibitors will be back again including painters Ian Ball, Shelley Beach, Ray Dugan, Tracey Lee Green, Wilf McOstrich, and Shirley Turchet. Potters Melissa Bouwmeister and John Middleton will be exhibiting again as will photographers Jeff Gardner and Michael MacLaverty. Also returning will be soap maker Lea Bartlett, quilter Shirlee Weeks, and worker in wood Kyle Good.

New exhibitors this year will be painters Bonnie Richardson and Joyce Sumara, photographer Bill Horton, woodworker Richard Hammond and signmaker Leanne Mackle.

Many exhibitors will have guest artists with them this year – in fact, the total number of artists exhibiting has increased by almost 50 per cent to 40 in total – but the number of exhibit locations will remain about the same as last year. New guest artists include painters, jewellers and wood carvers, so the range of media represented has expanded considerably.

Watercolour painter, Wilf McOstrich, (a cottager on Kennisis for over 40 years and a painter for more than half that time) said "Art on the Dock is a delightful event that brings Kennisis Lake artists together and gives them a great opportunity to display their considerable talents. Being a veteran of many art shows, I'm pleased to say that Art on the Dock is simply outstanding – it's an event enjoyed by artists and visitors alike."

Cathy Whittaker, KLCOA director and lead organizer for AOTD 2016, said "In addition to the Kennisis community, we welcome all our neighbours in Haliburton to join us on the lakes for this special event. Plan to come by boat or car – we will have signs to point you to the exhibitors."

She added, "Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, Parker Pad and Printing and Viper Marketing, we will again be donating funds contributed by exhibitors and visitors to the Arts Council – Haliburton Highlands' Artists in the Schools program. We are delighted to be able to continue Kennisis's support for this important initiative to bring the arts to elementary school children in Haliburton County and we hope to raise even more money this year!"

(Last year, the Kennisis community contributed more than $1,200 to the Artists in the Schools program from the Art on the Dock event.)

Charlene McConnell, Artists in the Schools co-ordinator for the Arts Council said, "This year, over half of the approximately 1,100 elementary (Grades 1 to 8) school students in the five schools in Haliburton County participated in AITS workshops and we hope to grow the programming each year."

She added that the Arts Council – Haliburton Highlands particularly appreciates the contribution from the Kennisis community because "It helps us to continue the workshops in all the schools in the community. It is such a worthwhile and rewarding program for both students and artists who love to share their joy of art with the next generation. The fact that this generous donation comes from like-minded creative individuals adds a special enthusiastic energy to the AITS program. "

The full AOTD 2016 brochure is now available online at http://klcoa.org. Look under "events," then click on "AOTD brochure." Hard copies will be available in many locations around Haliburton County closer to the event).

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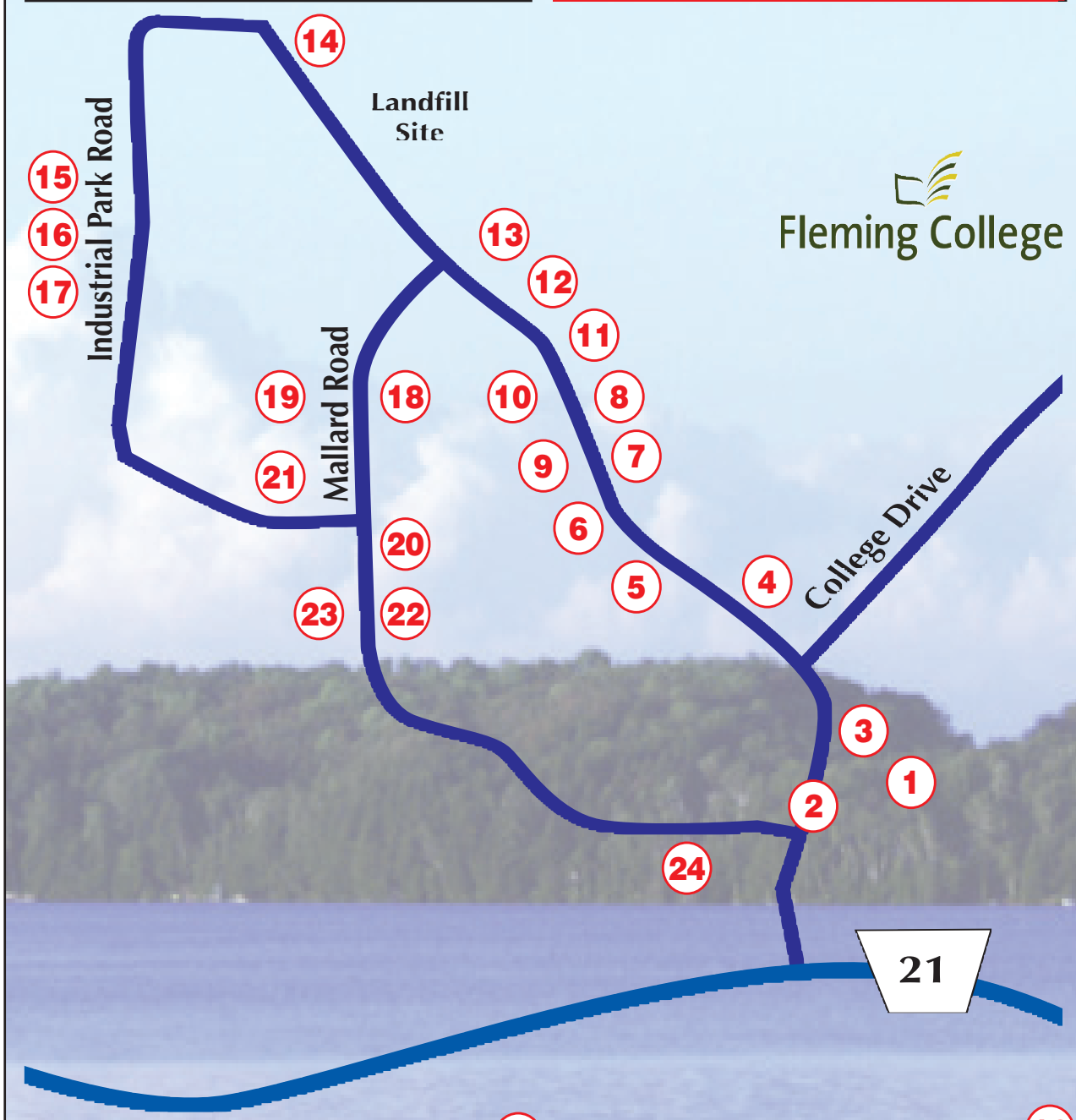

For Eliska on her 85th birthday

Would your leaf-coloured eyes blink at the blue world as they fluttered awake?

Would your fingers graze the window pane, painting daisies on the glass before they pushed the window open?

Would your lips sip the crispness of morning air?

Would your nose twitch as it inhaled pollen from the trees that made you sneeze?

Would your ears form a nest for the robin's song, warbling in the evergreens?

Would your legs lead you outside, before you brewed your first cup of tea?

Towards the geraniums that needed watering, towards the gooseberry bushes that needed pruning, towards wind that slinked into your lungs, scrubbing them free of debris, so you could inhale August's light, exhale its shadow stretching across the grass, winding around the trees, spreading across the street towards the park where you liked to walk alone along the path.

Only you and the willows to whom you whispered your secrets, wind that carried them far away and scattered them so we wouldn't hear.

When you walked you weren't anyone's mother or wife.

Only you, who gawked up at the sky with saucer-wide eyes, smiling at the animals floating in the clouds.

You, whose fingers grazed the trunks of trees, not yet shackled by wedding ring.

You, who sat down to rest your breath on a bench, speaking to strangers who sat down next to you, who didn't hurl words at you like your husband and child did.

Who listened to the waterfall of words spilling out of your lips, that remained sealed when you entered the white bungalow, where you became wife and mother again, catering to US, not You.

How would you look, how would you Be, if you'd lived to drink in the light, to feel wind unravel your worries on this, your 85th birthday?

Would you bolt out of bed to greet the blue day blaring outside the window, or would you pull the covers over your head, spend the day laying in darkness instead?

Would your legs lead you to the park across the street, where the creek used to flow?

Would your feet tread across the paved path, your soles listening to the sounds of water that still flows, buried deep in the chamber of your Heart, that stopped beating nearly a decade ago?

Still the leaves flutter, still the wind blows, still you walk each morning on your Birthday.

I carry you within me, You lead the way, through sunlight and shadow, towards the bench where we rest together beneath the willow, till wind scatters you and you disappear, only sunlight flickering through the branches above my shadow, that stretches long as a tree, the twigs of my fingers fluttering like leaves, You slinking through the spaces in between, disguised as breeze.

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They are still making monthly draws from the first year's calendar on the second Monday of the month at the Lions Club meeting and year one draws will wrap up this September. Here's how the 2016-2017 Cash Calendar raffle works:

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Come to town Tuesday, May 24, from noon to 2 p.m. to buy a calendar at the cenotaph in Haliburton or contact Gail at 705-457-3768 or gailstelter@sympatico.ca to order your calendars. You can also contact any member of the Haliburton and District Lions Club. Look for the Lions on June 18 at the BIA Sidewalk Sale. This will be a special barbecue with funds dedicated to sending Haliburton kids to local camps.

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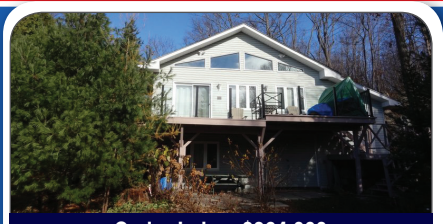

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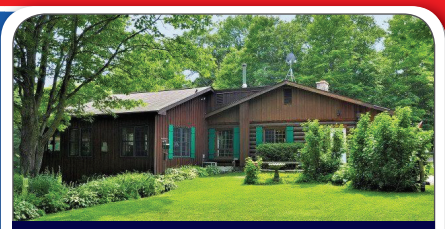

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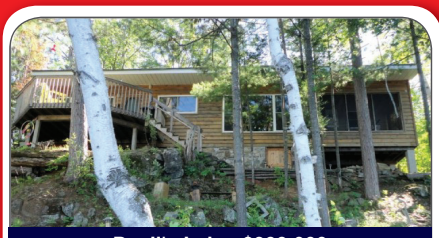

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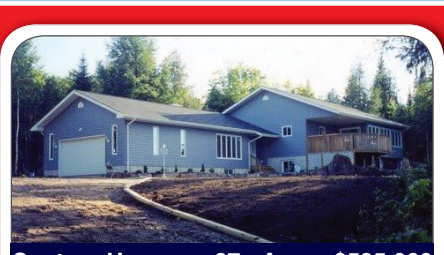

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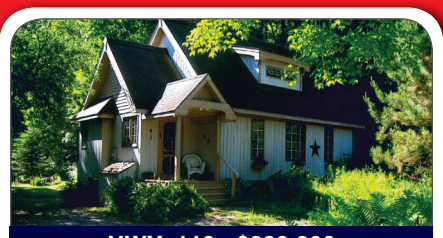

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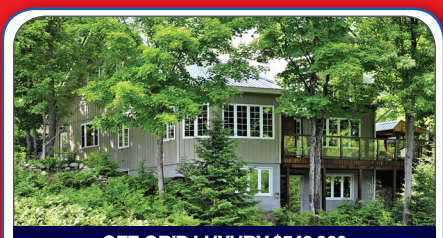

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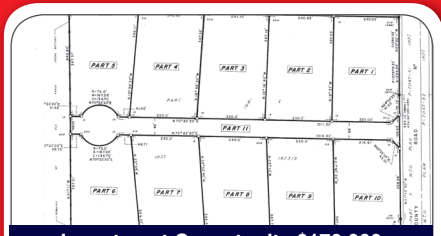

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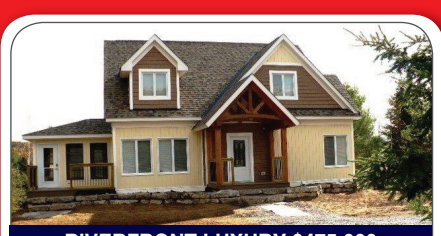

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Preparation Info:
Preparation Time: 15 minutes
Cooking Time: 3 to 5 minutes
Serves: 6

Ingredients:

1/4 cup (50 mL) canola oil
1/2 cup (125 mL) packed dark brown sugar
2 tbsp (25 mL) molasses
1 Ontario Egg
1-1/2 cups (375 mL) grated peeled Ontario Apples (about 2 medium)
1 cup (250 mL) all-purpose flour
1 tsp (5 mL) ground ginger
1/2 tsp (2 mL) baking soda
1/2 tsp (2 mL) cinnamon
1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
2 tbsp (25 mL) minced candied ginger (2 slices)
Lemon sauce recipe follows

Preparation Instructions:

Grease six 3/4 cup (175 mL) ramekins or custard cups; set aside.

In bowl, combine oil, brown sugar, molasses and egg until well blended. Stir in apple.

In large bowl, stir together flour, ground ginger, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. Stir in candied ginger. Stir in liquid mixture until combined. Spoon evenly into prepared ramekins.

Arrange in circle in microwave oven. Microwave, uncovered, at high for three to five minutes or until cake tester inserted in centre comes out clean. Let stand for 10 minutes.

To serve, turn out onto individual plates and serve with warm lemon sauce.

Lemon sauce:

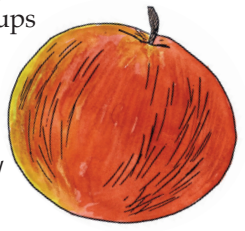
1/2 cup (125 mL) granulated sugar
2 tbsp (25 mL) cornstarch
1-1/4 cups (300 mL)milk
1 tbsp (15 mL) butter
1 lemon, finely grated rind and juice
1/4 tsp (1 mL) vanilla

In 4-cup (1 L) glass measure, whisk sugar with cornstarch. Whisk in milk until smooth.

Microwave, uncovered, at high for three to five minutes or until boiling and thickened, whisking at least once during cooking.

Stir in butter until melted.

Stir in lemon juice, rind and vanilla. Makes about 1-1/2 cups (375 mL).



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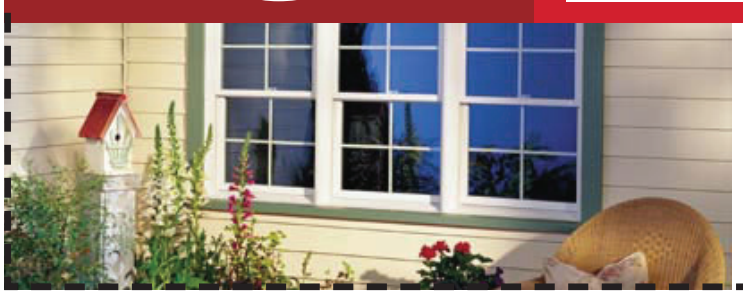

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Preparation Time: 15 minutes
Cooking Time: 10 minutes
Serves: 8

Ingredients:

1-1/2 lb (750 g) Ontario Potatoes, peeled (if desired), cut into chunks
1 lb (500 g) fresh Ontario Peas
2 tbsp (25 mL) white wine vinegar
3 tbsp (45 mL) olive oil
1/2 tsp (2 mL) grainy Dijon mustard
1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
1/2 cup (125 mL) thinly sliced Ontario Green Onions
2 tbsp (25 mL) chopped fresh Ontario Dill

Preparation Instructions:

Place potatoes in medium saucepan. Cover with cold water and bring to boil. Cover, reduce heat and simmer until fork tender, 15 to 20 minutes. During last minute of cooking, add peas. Drain well. Place in large bowl; stir in 1 tbsp (15 mL) of the vinegar. Cool completely.

Meanwhile in small bowl, whisk remaining vinegar with oil, mustard and salt until blended. Toss potatoes with dressing, onions and dill. Taste and drizzle with a bit more vinegar if needed.

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When: Saturday May 21, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Where: 47 Anson St., Minden
(Bobcaygeon Rd. to McKnight Dr., left onto Anson)

What: **Household items, Tools**

When: Friday May 20, 4:00 pm -8:00 pm
Saturday May 21, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Where: 9 Cedar Ave. Haliburton
(Bill Gliddon's yard)

What: St. George's Yard Sale
Bake Sale on Saturday
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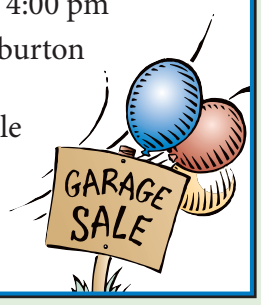


Family Yard Sale!

When: Saturday May 21, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Where: 45 Harmony Rd. Haliburton

What: Air Conditioner, Decorative Mirror, Highback Recliner Chair, Dishes, Outside items etc.
Rain or Shine

When: Saturday May 21, 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Sunday May 22, 1:00pm – 6:00 pm

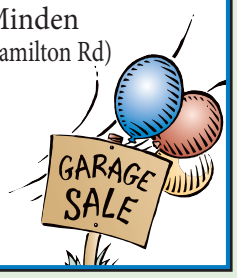
Where: 1290 Barry Line Rd.

What: **Various Household Items**

When: Friday May 20, 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Saturday May 21, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Where: 1344 Hamilton Rd. Minden
(Hwy #35 at lights, South Lake Rd. To Hamilton Rd)

What: Kitchen cabinets, chinaware & kitchen items, metal and wood shelves, children's games & toys,
too much to itemize



When: Saturday May 21st, 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Where: 1016 Eighth Lane, Minden

What: Electric Stove, BBQ, T.V., Electric Heater, Tools
& much more

When: Saturday May 21, 8:00 am

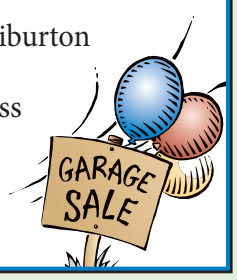
Where: 1409 Ingoldsby Rd., Minden

What: **Furniture, Antiques & Collectables**

When: Saturday May 21, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Where: 4779 Cty Rd. 21, Haliburton

What: Antiques, antique glass doors, garage doors, household items, tools



Come and see all the beautiful things!

When: Saturday May 21, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

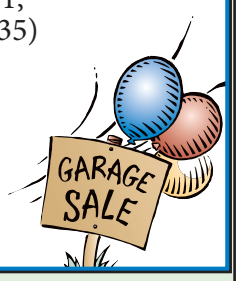
Where: 3 Hodgson Dr. (Burnt River)
S of Kinmount (Hwy 121)
R on Con #1,
L on Pinery Rd.,
L on Watson,
R on Hodgson

What: Downsizing Sale!

When: Saturday May 21, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Where: 6474 County Rd. 121,
(4 mins. From Hwy 35)

What: **Antiques, Custom Signs, Household items**



When: Saturday May 21, 8:00 am – noon

Where: 15190 Hwy. 118 E.
Haliburton

What: Toro 22" self-propelled lawn mower, Homelite 26cc trimmer, straight, Thule rooftop ski carrier, Paradigm surround sound system/Yamaha amp., Household, miscellaneous

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When: Saturday May 21, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Sunday May 22, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Where: 1055 Studio Lane
Gooderham, ON

What: Nikon cameras & equipment, Van Awning 8 x 12, nature photos & displays, antique Skil saw, bicycle

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4 Family Yard Sale!

When: Friday May 20, 12:00 noon - 7:00 pm
Saturday May 21, 8:00 am - 12:00 noon

Where: 1021 Front Lane,
Hunter Creek Estates, Minden

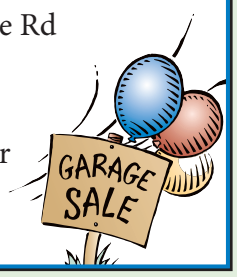
What: **Generator, tools and so much more!!!**

Multi-Family Neighborhood Sale

When: Saturday May 21, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Where: Halbiem Cres, Glebe Rd & Farmcrest Ave.

What: Camping equipment, household items, electronics, front door
Rain or shine



Something for every room in the house!

When: Saturday May 21, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Where: 1282 Milburn Road, Gelert

What: Antiques, glass dining table, wrought iron/metal home decor, furniture, Blue Willow.

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When: Saturday May 21, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

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Spring Meditation 2: a trillium delicately opening.

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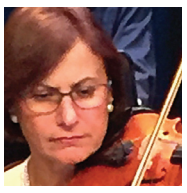


Marci Mandel
The White Trail

Spring meditation 1

This is a special time of year in the Haliburton Highlands. It's about planting seeds, preparing for the future, doing the work to get ready for the riches to come. It's about tender moments taking root and soon to flourish in some unpredictable way. It's about pruning and it's about annoying insects. It's about taking time, even when all is a mess, to listen to the birds and revel in the fresh shoots discovered under raked leaves.

Opening the cottage, opening the gardens, opening our hearts to our natural world.

Buying marshmallows, buying lounge chairs, buying into a different rhythm.

Racing to get here, racing to get things done, racing to slow down.

Ahhhh!
Awww!
Wow. What are we doing?
What are we
Doing?!
Just breathe.
Just breathe.
Breathe.
That's why we're here.

We know that with our hands in the earth and our feet in the water, all is well.

With the family close by and fresh local food sprouting, all is well.

With our worst disasters becoming our best stories, all is well.

We love spring; we are excited by spring because even though the pipes have to be repaired *again* and the ant traps have to be set *again* and the sheets have to be washed *again*, there's a whole summer of intimate moments that aren't planned for but will just happen, intimate moments that will bond us deeply with the incredible gift of life itself. Those moments when the shoulders drop, when the jaw slackens, when the purple sunset swims around us, are worth every hardship that set them up. The taxes, the lineups, the are-we-there-yets are tests to see if we have to get our way to be happy. Do we? Have to get our way?

Or do we have to be? Be music, be chaos, be loons.
Be a lover, be a friend, be astonished.
The wonder of it all.
The wonder
Of
It
All!

Spring meditation 3

I love that my four-year-old grandson, Samuel, soon after taking his shoes off at the door, said: Nana, let's play music! Over the years I've collected a variety of instruments, including egg shakers, ching cymbals, click sticks, djembe drums, cow bells, various whistles, digeridoos, stringed instruments, and did I say loud whistles?

Marching band is a regular activity here.

Food, shelter, warmth, reproduction, air and sleep, are obvious on the list of survival essentials, but there's one more I believe that belongs: music. Remember the scene in the movie *Shawshank Redemption* when Andy takes over the library and plays classical music over the speakers and the prison inmates relax and feel euphorically human again? Or when TV's mobster kingpin, Tony Soprano, tells his depressed teenage son to find solace in music? Or when the Titanic goes down and the dedicated musicians play beautifully to the end?

Music is more than entertainment; it is therapeutic. It guides us through challenges, cares for us, and supports us as we move on. I can be struggling with a decision and a song will come on with the exact advice I need. Or I can be jogging and the rhythm will help me push through the tedium and soreness. Or I can be missing my dad then be transported back with him when a Count Basie piece plays. Music is a midwife to our inner world, helping us navigate through invisible, internal mazes and then bringing us home.

Being aware of this power, I can use music as a tool to help rebalance. If I'm tired, I can pick something energizing or if I'm too wound up, I can choose something grounding. I can use music to take me into the centre of my grief, and then use it to bring me back out. I can also use it as a distraction. Music helps me to be the creator of my experiences and not the victim of them.

Is there even one culture that doesn't incorporate music into their identity? National gatherings, holiday celebrations, family ceremonies or private moments: music is always somewhere in the mix.

I've written this column through the years using it as a platform to try to make sense of life. I've explored religions, philosophies, arts, and healing therapies trying to understand why we humans have such a difficult time loving each other. But having more answers hasn't equalled having more joy.

Then it occurred to me: I can try to make sense of this world or I can make music.

Playing, in the moment, is an act of love.

Hearts beating, lungs pumping: whether we know it or not, we are all musicians harmonizing in our own way with the One Song.

"Samuel, let's play music!"

The Highlands Chamber Orchestra's next concert is May 28 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

Mamma Mia - The Sing-Along, a Highlands Summer Festival Gala Fundraiser, is May 21 at Pinestone.

Couple follows in footsteps of Group of Seven

By Jenn Watt

Sue and Jim Waddington have portaged to remote lakes and roamed rural farms in search of some of Canada's most inspiring landscapes. Following the path of this country's most iconic artists, the Group of Seven and their contemporaries, the Waddingtons have searched out – and found – hundreds of sites that correspond to artwork painted in the early 1900s.

On Thursday, May 19, the Waddingtons will be sharing their discoveries with the audience at the CFUW's annual general meeting.

It all began in 1977 when Sue took a course in rug hooking. As an assignment, the teacher had her adapt an A.Y. Jackson painting, "Hills, Killarney, Ontario (Nellie Lake)." When she and her husband planned a camping trip to Killarney, they decided to hunt up the exact spot that Jackson used to create the art.

"It was a hard place to get to, but we found the painting site and got excited," Jim says.

They took their findings to the McMichael Gallery in Kleinburg, which specializes in the Group of Seven, and were told that the locations of most of the paintings had not been documented.

"We've been trying to sort them out for almost 40 years," Jim says. In that time, the couple has found more than 500 painting sites, which have been compiled into a book called *In the Footsteps of the Group of Seven*, with all proceeds going to the Art Gallery of Sudbury's building fund.

In 2010, the McMichael Gallery put on a show that juxtaposed the paintings with the photos spread out over two gallery spaces.

While the book chronicles the discoveries the pair has made, illustrating the incredible similarities and the intentional changes each artist painted, none of the actual locations are disclosed to the public.

"We will say about some of them more or less where they are," Jim says. "We've learned about a number of these places in confidence."

> ***"There are stories in families that their grandmother told them that they saw a particular painter on a particular lake."***
>
> — Jim Waddington

The plan is to eventually pass on the co-ordinates to a trustworthy organization for safe keeping.

"We have all the information and it will be given to somebody. We haven't decided who yet," says Sue. "Some gallery will get all our research and they can decide what they want to do with it."

Although it is not in the book, the Waddingtons say that A.J. Casson has painted several scenes in the Haliburton area and they intend to check them out on their way through town.

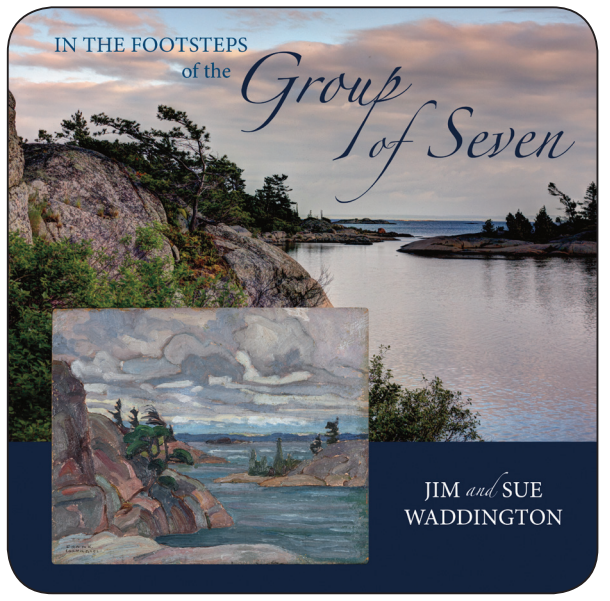
"We haven't found any there yet," says Jim. "There are some that are really quite close, we think."

The more renowned the project became, the more tips the Waddingtons have received. Turns out that while many of the painters didn't record where exactly they did their work, local people took notice.

"I say to people that we like them to tell us any stories they have from their family. Very little of this was written down by the artists. There are stories in families that their grandmother told them that they saw a particular painter on a particular lake," Jim says.

Some of Tom Thomson's work has controversy surrounding its origins, Sue says. When he died, much of his work wasn't labelled. The labels that were provided posthumously have been disputed, she says.

The Waddingtons live in Hamilton – Sue is a retired nurse and Jim a retired physics professor from McMaster University – and they make each wilderness excursion from that home base.



When they were approached to do the book, they were hesitant. Finding the sites of the Group of Seven was always something they did as a hobby. Plus, Jim didn't like to write.

"Sue and I were doing this for fun," Jim says. "We weren't doing it for any other reason other than we wanted to find these places as part of our canoe trips. In some ways, making any money out of this would spoil it for us." Having the proceeds from the book go to the gallery, therefore, suits them just fine.

The book sells for $55 and will be available to buy at the CFUW event on Thursday, May 19, at 7 p.m. at Fleming College in Haliburton. If you can't make the talk, you can buy a copy of the paperback version, due out in July by visiting the website www.gooselane.com.

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CHA is asking for realtors' pledge

By Darren Lum

Local realtors are making a pledge towards a healthier Highlands through an education and awareness initiative by the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations (CHA).

The Lake Protectors Service Provider Realtor pledge asks local realtors to execute on seven actions when selling lakefront property (give educational DVDs, encourage inspection of septic systems, discourage removal of vegetation 15 metres within the shoreline, discourage cutting down trees for water views, give a copy of CHA Septic Tips, give membership forms for relevant lake associations and seek permission from buyer or seller to pass on contact information to CHA). In return, the realtor is entitled to use the CHA Lake Protectors Service Provider logo in marketing materials and be listed on the CHA website as provider realtor.

CHA president Paul MacInnes said the idea for the pledge was the result of a meeting he had with Century 21 real estate agents in March. One of the realtors discussed a trip to Point Pelee last summer. She remembers going out on Lake Erie in an aluminum fishing boat and could not see to the bottom because of the blue-green algae bloom nearly 30 centimetres thick. It measured 200 square miles, which MacInnes said is the size of New York State. The blue-green algae has been found in Haliburton County, Muskoka, Sudbury, North Bay and Kawartha Lakes.

It was a rallying point for him and the realtors, who wanted to be part of a solution to ensure the future health of lakes and waterways. It led to his meeting with the CHA executive two months ago that resulted in the pledge idea.

"We're taking all the action we can to protect our lakes. We have scientific advisors that advise us and they told us the No. 1 key action we have to take is to reduce the amount of phosphorous that's headed into our lakes," he said.

Unlike the 1970s and 1980s when phosphorus was being adding to lakes from laundry detergent, which was eventually banned by governments, it is now related to urine.

"More than 90 per cent of it comes from our septic systems, which comes from you and I peeing in the toilet. Pee is very high in phosphorus and septics don't remove phosphorus very well," he said. "The key for us is keeping our septics operating well and our shorelines natural."

MacInnes adds a shoreline needs to be at least 75 per cent natural otherwise that lake "is going downhill."

Native plants have roots that are close to a metre and a half compared to grass, which has a root measuring close to 12 centimetres long, he said. The roots absorb the phosphorus before it goes in the lake.

Although the CHA membership has been diligent in its efforts to educate its members, it also recognized a gap existed with new buyers of shoreline properties, he said.

There is an annual turnover of up to 10 per cent for shoreline properties.

Part of the pledge includes giving clients two DVDs produced by Sticks and Stones Productions, which are called *Ribbon of Life* and *Poop Talk*. MacInnes said these DVDs are effective tools of education.

People from the city, unfamiliar with a septic system, could cause a "shutdown of their septic system" for 70 hours using bleach in a load of laundry.

He said the realtors are the first point of contact and can get these DVDs in the hands of new property owners and assist with this education for life with a septic system.

In 24 hours there were 20 realtors who took the pledge. So far there have been 27 realtors who have signed on.

Andrew Hodgson, realtor and co-owner of the Century 21 Granite Realty Group for the last six years, believes in the CHA and its efforts as a "leading group" looking out for the future of the area.

"We're very proud to support the work of the CHA. We think it is vitally important we all help pitch in to ensure all of our lakes are clean ... not only for economical sustainability, but because we all live here," he said.

The majority committed at the regular meeting when Hodgson presented the idea and the rest have since followed suit, he said. He adds this is not the first time the group has worked with CHA.

The co-operation between the two organizations goes back close to four years, he said.

"We all share the same goals of a clean watershed, clean lakes and we understand it takes us all to pitch in. With us being locally owned, it's vitally important," he said.

Bill Kulas, a residence since 1979 and realtor for Re/Max since 1988, supports any effort to protect waterways and lakes and signed up within 10 minutes.

The co-chairman of Ducks Unlimited is an avid outdoorsman, who hunts and fishes. He loves the Highlands and wants to keep it beautiful.

"I'm very conscious of protecting our waterways, our wetlands and our landscape and anything we can do to inform buyers and sellers in terms of a realtor perspective of how important it is to keep your systems working properly and keep on top of things is important for the future," he said.

He is familiar with MacInnes's efforts to keep

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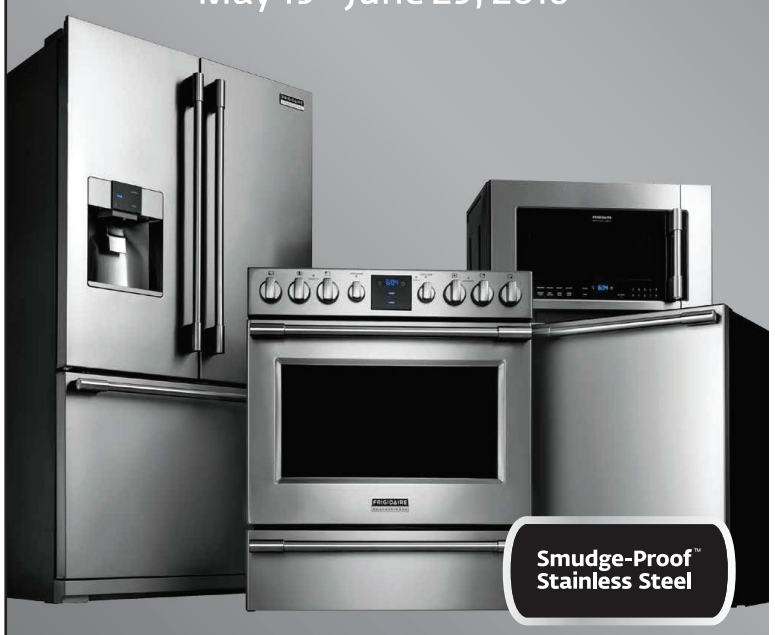

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MNRF warns of turtle poaching

By Jenn Watt

There are nine turtle species in Ontario and all of them can fetch a price online. Some can go for hundreds of dollars.

Wetlands, like the ones across the Haliburton Highlands, can attract poachers tempted by the lucrative sale of the reptiles on the black market.

Catching those poachers and the brokers, dealers and collectors they serve, is part of the mandate of the Special Investigations Services Unit of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

"A lot of people don't realize the commercial value of some of these species," detective Victor Miller, conservation officer with the MNRF, told the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists at a recent talk in Haliburton.

Turtles are among a long list of species that are illegally traded around the world. Bears are killed for their gall bladders and paws, for example, and wild ginseng is harvested to near extinction due to its reputation as an immune-boosting root.

"Back in the early 2000s, when I was working in the city of Toronto, bear paw soup would go for around $450 a plate," Miller said.

In Haliburton, several of the most lucrative turtles are known to live in wetlands including the spotted, Blanding's and wood turtle.

"The turtle is considered a long-lived animal. To possess it or to eat it gives you longevity in some cultures," Miller said. They are also frequently purchased as pets.

Specific turtles' scarcity and delicate markings make them more desireable to collectors, who will pay between $1,500 and $5,000 for a pair of breeding spotted turtles, for example.

Spotted turtles are on the endangered list in Ontario.

For this reason, researchers and conservationists are vague about where they can be found. Some of the better poachers are clever about how they find their turtles. They can hunt the information on Internet message boards or in little known academic papers.

Miller told the group about a hapless naturalist who was persuaded on an online forum to give out the location of species at risk to someone posing as a wildlife photographer.

Those who smuggle wildlife are the same people, in many cases, as those who smuggle drugs, the conservation officer said.

"It doesn't matter whether it's cocaine or heroin or black bear gall bladder that's going to make them money, they're going to deal," he said.

As those in the Highlands are already well aware, turtle populations are slow to rebuild. Adult turtles take years to reach reproductive maturity and the mortality rate is high. While organizations such as the land trust focus on lowering road deaths, the possibility that turtles would be taken entirely out of the environment is yet another risk for the species.

For those who are taking animals to be used for medicines, Miller says some success has been had in education; however, changing centuries-old beliefs can take time and must come from within the culture itself.

"In some cases you cannot change their mind," he said, referencing a traditional medicine practitioner he once met who was convinced that bear gall bladders were effective in treating human ailments and could not be replaced with synthetics.

"It's good medicine," the man reportedly said.

If you notice something suspicious near a wetland, Miller urges the public not to get involved and to simply call the MNRF: 1-877-847-7667. If possible, providing a vehicle description and/or licence plates is helpful.

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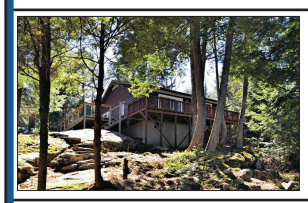
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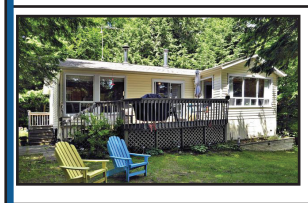
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Peter Brady of Trophy Property Corporation has taken the pledge and said he is a believer and supporter of maintaining the lakes, which he said "are Haliburton."

There has been positive and enthusiastic feedback from clients, who have received the DVDs from Brady even before taking the pledge.

"If we each continue to inform and educate, we can assure our water quality and enjoyment for our grandchildren, and as a realtor, protect our lakefront property values," he said.

The CHA is a member-driven group consisting of 48 property owners' associations, representing 120 lakes in Haliburton County.

Its function is to improve communication among associations, support and strengthen associations and to share resources and learn from one association to another. The CHA also works on projects with a large scope, too big for one association.

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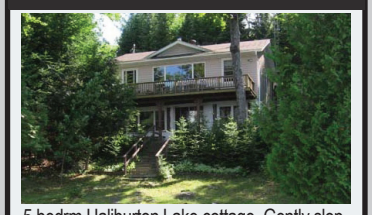

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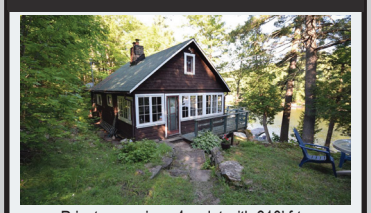

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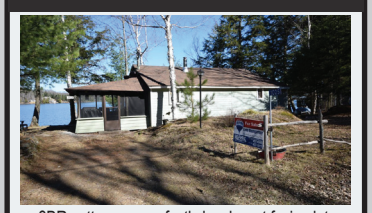

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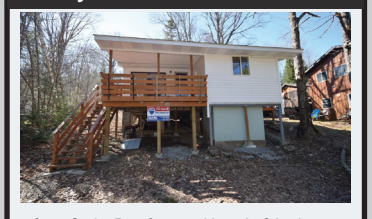

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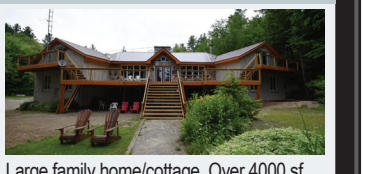

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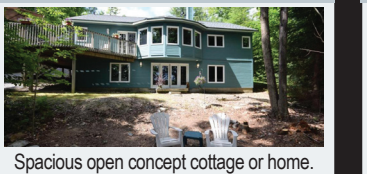

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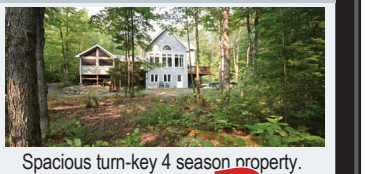

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Logger's cabin holds untold history

By Jenn Watt

Cottager Molly Ferguson has been known for much of her life for the work she and her late husband Bob did on their Little Glamor Lake property. Their groundbreaking log cottage, complete with what is believed to be the first green roof in Canada, caught the attention of national newspapers, was the cover story of *Cottage Life* and was written up in the *Haliburton Echo*.

Now Ferguson, 90, is focusing on another building – one that is a little less glamorous, but comes with its own set of stories.

A logger's cabin, at least 130 years old, has been occupying the cottager's time as she tries to figure out what to do with the building.

Ferguson says she doesn't know the origins of the cabin, which was about 80 years old when she and Bob bought the property in 1958, but she doesn't think it should be demolished.

There is a real chance that could happen. When the Fergusons bought the property, the cabin was situated by the shoreline and in later years, they paid to move it inland.

"It was situated down the lake on a point and Walter Madill numbered all the logs and took it apart and boomed it down the lake. My two little kids sat on the boom as he towed it down the lake," Ferguson remembers. They later insulated the cabin and one of Ferguson's grown children lived in it for 15 years.

Unfortunately, the land they chose to place the building was too close to the

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From left, Max Braithwaite, humorist and author; William Grierson, architect; Robert Ferguson, program organizer for CBC's school broadcasts; stand outside the logger's cabin on Molly Ferguson's property in the early 1960s. Today Ferguson has the 130-year-old building for sale, as it does not comply with local bylaws. Photo submitted by Ferguson

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Ferguson hopes to preserve cabin

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property line – a violation of municipal bylaws. While Highlands East has been patient with Ferguson, giving her five years to find a solution to the problem, her deadline is looming.

And so she has put the logger's cabin up for sale.

It's not without a healthy dose of nostalgia for a time when Little Glamor Lake was barely developed and she, her husband and the kids would come up to the wilderness and pile into the cozy space.

Ferguson's husband was from Peterborough and the couple lived in Toronto. When they went looking for a cottage in the '50s, they weren't impressed by the offerings in Bob's hometown.

"We looked for a cottage property and we couldn't find anything above a farmer's field," she recalls. "We didn't want it deforested."

They bought a mile of waterfront and 340 acres of forest and wetland and in the early days, spent their time cottaging simply.

"It was wonderful. We thought we were pioneers – and we were because we had to park the car on the trail and walk a mile to the cabin," she says.

"It was a cabin with two double beds and a little wood burning stove and a counter. We had such good times there."

Eventually the family outgrew the cabin and in the early 1960s began work on their famous green-roofed cottage. They hired architect William Grierson to come to the property and create plans that would satisfy their need for a spacious, yet environmentally friendly, abode with a Haliburton flavour.

Grierson's time at the property was captured in film in a photo that Ferguson cherishes. Three men stand in front of the logger's cabin, the only place for them to stay while the new cottage was being built. Max Braithwaite, Grierson and Bob Ferguson stand under the protection of a snowy rooftop, snowshoes leaned against the log walls of the dwelling. Each man was influential during his career and all have since died.

Today, Molly Ferguson marvels at her luck in knowing such creative minds.

Bob had become friends with Braithwaite while working at CBC.

"When Bob was in charge of school broadcast at CBC he had a raft of contracts and Max Braithwaite was one," says Molly.

According to a newspaper article titled "Parents writing children's books love that ready-made audience," published in 1963, Bob Ferguson wrote two history books, which were supplements to school textbooks. "I wanted to make history come alive," he told the paper. "The fact that my two older sons read my books all the way through made me feel that I had accomplished something."

Braithwaite was featured in the same article, saying he gets inspiration from his five children. "In order to write about children you have to know what they do, think, say; what amuses, interests or bores them."

He wrote plays for the stage and the radio, including for Ferguson's CBC broadcasting in the radio series Voices of the Wild.

Grierson, meanwhile, was a multi-award-winning architect whose works will soon be compiled in a book.

A detail of the Ferguson's cottage designed by William Grierson. The family moved from the logger's cabin to this building in the `60s.

"I think he was a genius," says Ferguson.

Indeed, his design ended up being featured in a range of publications. "I'm privileged to have known him and worked with him," she wrote in a letter following an interview with the *Echo*.

The fate of the logger's cabin is still uncertain. Advertised for about $19,000, there is the matter of moving the building, which will likely cost many thousands more. However, Ferguson intends to sell the whole property this year, so the matter will need to be settled one way or another.

"My lawyer says I shouldn't spend any more money on it," she says, "but I think it should be preserved."

UPCOMING

Community Events

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HOME INSPECTIONS

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com.

Dated Events

Haliburton County Historical Society, Annual General Meeting (Pot Luck)

When: Thursday May 19, 12 noon
Where: Canoe Music Hall, Mountain St. Haliburton
Speaker: Dr. Janet McLellan, Professor, Wilfrid Laurier University
Topic: Religious Diversity in Small Town rural Ontario

Kate Reid Concert

In support of Haliburton LGBTQ+ Youth, Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents are pleased to invite you to join us for a Concert featuring singer/songwriter KATE REID
When: Saturday May 21, 7:00 pm
Where: The Haliburton Curling Club, 730 Mountain Street

Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library Giant Book and Book Basket Sale

Date: Saturday, May 21, 2016
Place: Minden Hills Branch Library
Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Welcome back Kinmount's first Farmers Market of the year

When: Saturday May 21 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Come out to see new and familiar faces. We are so excited to be back and to invite you to come check out what's new & exciting and enter for your chance to win a gift basket! So clear your schedule and join us & the Horticultural Society in welcoming the season back!

Gooderham United Church Yard Sale

When: Saturday May 21, 8 am - 3 pm
Light Refreshments
Donated items appreciated. For pick up or drop off call June at 705-447-2838

Pancake Breakfasts

When: Sat. May 21st, Sat. July 2nd & Sat. July 30 from 9-11 a.m.
Where: St. Peter's Anglican Church, Maple Lake
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HALIBURTON: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, May 25, 10:30 am to Noon.
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Haliburton Highlands Grannies - Spring Tea

When: Sunday May 29th, 2-4 pm
Where: Haliburton Legion
Loonie Auction, Door Prizes, Plant Sale, African Market Place (opens at 1:00)
Tickets $12.00
For furter info call Norma 457-2015 or Gayle 286-3411
Haliburton County Master Garderners Plant Sale
When: Saturday June 4, 9:00 am until sold out
Where: Village Green, Downtown Minden

Legion Events

Branch 624, Wilberforce

Jan Simon PRO May 13th – May 19th

Friday Community Care 55+ Lunch 12:00pm
Call Gwen Otto to reserve
Everyone 55+ Welcome
Pool 1:30pm
Jam Session

Saturday Lou Moody Memorial Rainbow Trout Derby
$15/person – 1 fish limit Register Branch by close May 13th or
Wilberforce Bait Shop by 10am Saturday – must be present to receive prizes
Meat Draw 2pm Early Bird 3pm Sharp

Monday Bid Euchre 7:00pm come out and learn – beginners welcome

Wednesday Fun Darts 7:30pm

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Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1pm
Tuesdays: Tuesday Night Dart League starting at 7pm
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1pm start
Bingo Doors open at 6pm, Bingo starts at 7pm - $500 Jackpot, **$1000 Jackpot** last Wednesday of the month.
Thursday: General Meeting Second Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 pm All members urged to attend
Ladies Auxiliary Last Thursday of the month at 1pm
Fridays: Cribbage 1 pm start
Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 pm, Last draw at 6:30 pm, Tickets are $2 per draw…
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Fun darts - 4:30 pm onwards
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 pm draw, Tickets are 1$ each from noon onwards
Sundays: Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of the month - 9:30 am - 1 pm $6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at (705)457-2571. Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129... everyone is welcome!

Branch 636, Minden 705-286-4541

Ladies Darts, Wednesday, 1-4 p.m. No Ladies Darts Dec and January
Bid Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m.
Euchre, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 12-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.
Mixed darts, Friday 7:30 p.m.
Big euchre, first Sunday of the month (except holidays), noon, $12
Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m.
Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m.
Liver lover's special, Tuesday 12-2 p.m. (full menu also)
Meat Draw, Wednesday lunch time.
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Saturday, May 14th from 1pm - 3pm folk musician Trina West will be performing. Food will be available.
Saturday, May 21st from 1pm - 4pm Gord Kidd and Friends will be performing. Food will be available.

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